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PROTEST MOVIES AT HEARING HELD IN SKIP-STOP CASE

Meeting Called by P. R. T. Committee Turns Into Picture Entertainment

- OBJECTION IS IN VAIN

Coroner Knight Called Three Times to Testify, but Doesn't Answer Name

Emphatic protest was made this afternoon by P. A. Wicke, of the North Philadelphia Realty Board, when the meeting announced to discuss skip-stops was suddenly turned into a moving-picture show and a "safety-first" lecture.

The movie show started when Thomas E. Mitten, president of the Rapid Transit Company, and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury arrived. Mr. Stotesbury is chairman of the executive board of the P. R. T. The screen and the picture machine were already in place when the Stotesbury's arrived.

The meeting this afternoon was the second held by the Committee of Thirteen to hear testimony on the skip-stop. The committee, composed of prominent men and women, was selected by Mr. Mitten.

Protests Picture Show

When it was announced after three or four witnesses had been heard that the movie show would start, Mr. Wicke jumped to his feet and voiced his disap-

He called attention to the fact that many business men were there, and did not want their time wasted.

will sail Tuesday, on the Leviathan. "I read an invitation of the company which stated that the meeting was to discuss skip-stops," he said, "and when Mr. Heinz will be abroad an indefinite period. During his absence the work here will be conducted by the State admen are brought here for such a pur-pose and the meeting is turned into a movie show, it's asking a great deal." ministration headquarters staff, Finance Building, this gity.

W. D. B. Ainey, chairman of the committee, who presided, said that as all the testimony concerning fatalities had been heard it would be in order to pro-

City Representative Speaks William B. Hancock, city representative on the P. R. T. board, also objected to postponing discussion of the deaths until their cause had been thor-oughly threshed out. He suggested that

Coroner Knight be summoned to resume the testimony he started at the last But Mr. Ainey said the Coroner's duties prevented his presence, and the pictures were started with Miss Rhoad-hefer, the company's expert on safety-first subjects, in the role of lecturer.

Joseph A. Sennenbaum, a United States sailor and a witness before the started, testified that he was killed by a swiftly moving trolley

car at Fourth and Moore streets. The car grazed his body, he asserted.

He contradicted a statement made by Robert Henderson, of the South Phila-

Several other wires were refused a permission to spend because their testi-

was not directly related to James E. Letnon and Judge Raymond MacNeille, members of the Committee of Thirteen, acted as counsel for the com-

Announces Object of Meeting

When Chairman Ainey opened the secting he said the object of this afternoon's session was to determine whether

any of the atreet car fatalities were due to skip-stops. He announced that the meeting was open to any who wished Those desiring to speak were requeste to sign their names to slips, which were

Frank P. Parkin, a well-known clergy-man of the Methodist Episcopal Church; A. H. Isles and Elmer T. Brodt. Coroner Knight was called to resume

ing but he was not present at the opening of the meeting. His name was called three times.

Crews of trolley cars which killed two West, Philadelphians were exonerated in two instances today by Coroner Knight continued inquests which were held of high explosive material, including efore the meeting started. The cases were those of Simon

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CHILD SKIP-STOP VICTIM

Little Girl Struck and Seriously Injured by Trolley

A child was added to the list of skip-stop victims this afternoon when Fanny Willer was struck by a south-bound trolley car in front of her home at Fourth and Wolf streets.

She is in Mt. Sinal Hospital, suffering from a probable fracture of the skull and other injuries, the extent of which is not yet known.

TAX BILL GOES TO CONFEREES House Leaders Agree to Submit Measure on Monday

Measure on Monday

Washington, Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)—
The war revenue bill, carrying \$6,000,000 000 in taxes for 1919, and upward of
\$1,000,000,000 for 1920, will go to conference between the House and Senste
Monday, under an agreement reached
today in the House.

When the measure was called up Representative) Madden, of Illinois, Renublican, asked that consideration be
delayed, on the ground that the number
of amendments inserted by the Senate
is so great that the House should have
an opportunity to study them before
turning the measure over to conferees.

Democratic Leader Kitchin agreed to
the delay and 600 copies of the bill were
ordered printed for the use of the
members.

. SNOW! Cloudy tonight and tomorrow, with

Far of winter 'tis vocal

That are mentioned as local. Hear the wind blow! and it brage as it blows,

Permanency of Skip-Stops

Not Decided, Says Mitten

Thomas E. Mitten, president of the Rapid Transit Company, made

a brief address at the end of the

P. R. T.'s skip-stop movie show at

The permanency of the skip-stop

system, he said, had not been de-

cided upon, but the company would

try the plan of six stops to the mile

and speed up the cars. Riders will

then be asked whether they prefer

this plan or a return to former con-

ditions. Mr. Mitten expressed belief that the company would be

acquitted in the skip-stop case and

that the committee of thirteen would decide upon the continuance

of the system to keep down fares.

He said every large city but Phila-

delphia had increased fares, and

asserted, "We want what you want

-speedy service at lowest rates of

HOOVER SUMMONS

HEINZ TO EUROPE

State Food Administrator

Will Sail Tuesday to

Assist His Chief

WORK HERE WILL GO ON

Howard Heinz, Federal food adminis

rator for Pennsylvania, has been sum-

oned to France to aid Herbert Hoover

Vigorous enforcement of all measures

of trade regulation will continue, it is

said, during Mr. Heinz's absence. Prose-

cution for violations of the food laws

and investigation of all charges of

profiteering will be made as rigidly as

uring the war. Mr. Heinz is forty years old. He was

appointed to his present position by President Wilson in August, 1917. He has been familiar with the growth and preservation of food since youth.

That he might obtain practical informs

tion concerning the business, his father, H. J. Heinz, placed him in the cellar

had just been graduated from Yale, Sub-sequently he made many innovations

which brought about good results in the

ent for the betterment of the newsboys

He is a trustee of the Carnegie In-stitute and University of Pittsburgh. He

also holds membership in many clubs, in-

burg and New York, Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh and the Union League and

the Racquet Club of Philadelphia.

HIGH EXPLOSIVE.

luding those of the University of Pitta-

VALUELESS NOW,

TNT to Be Destroyed, Lift-

ing Wilmington's Terror

Washington, Dec. 27 .- (By A. P.)-

By order of the railroad administration

some hundreds of thousands of pounds

TNT and picric acid, the property of the French and Italian Governments, is be-

ing towed out to sea from South Am-

boy, N. J., and dumped overboard thirty

This plan has been adopted as the only

practical and immediate method of get-ting rid of 228 carloads of the material, which has been parked outside of Wil-mington, Del., for some time awaiting transportation. There are now only a few cars left, but the owning Govern-ments have saved some of the material in the last few days by having it loaded aboard ships.

68,000 U. S. SOLDIERS HOME

500,000 Others Mustered Out in

This Country

Washington, Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)— Sixty-eight thousand American soldiers had been returned from oversean De-cember 21, and slightly more than 500,-000 in this country had been mustered out of service, members of the House military committee were told today, at their weekly conference at the War De-partment.

GERMANY PLANS BIG TAXATION

Proposes to Raise 80,000,000,000

Marks From War Profits

Marks from War Fronts
Washington, Dec. 27,—(By A. P.)—
Taxes designed to raise about eighty billion marks are planned by the council
of the people's delegates, said an official
report received today from Berne, quotling a Berlin dispatch to the Sud
Deutsche Zeitung.

The dispatch said that the new taxes
would be levied on war profits and that
a gence determinative of the lax would
be published within a formight.

five miles from the Scotland lightship.

GOES INTO SEA

of the committee of Governor Brumbaugh.

City Hall this afternoon.

ACCLAIM OF BRITISH PEOPLE FOR WILSON ENHANCES HIS POWER

Enthusiasm of Masses, Stamping Unmistakable Approval of His Peace Aims, Certain to Influence Treaty Conferences

OVATION GIVES VANTAGE NOW WITH KING AND LLOYD GEORGE

Although Visit Avowedly Is Strictly Social, President's Talks With Premier Will Have Inevitable Bearing on Agreement Later

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

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London, Dec. 27. London's brilliant reception to President Wilson is certain to exercise large influence upon the prospects of his proposal for the League of Nations. No other man in the world commands such popular enthusiasm as shown here, not merely by the people of London, but by all England.

-All the way to London crowds awaited at every village and crossing to cheer his train as it sped by. The British Government organized the demonstration in his honor

with its usual skill and the program was carried out without a hitch. A notable spectacle on the way across the channel was the submarine (Premier Ebert is a majority Socialist).

national food administrator, in his dischasers, which led the way, scattering the waters wildly as they rushed tribution of European relief. Mr. Heinz ahead with French and British destroyers following, while the airplanes, Independents in the Government also circling about the vessel carrying President Wilson gave an unusual were in conference and this gave rise to touch. Many more airplanes attended the train on its way to London, often skimming like swallows alongside within twenty feet of the ground.

Reception Really Royal

The reception of Mr. Wilson was literally royal. King George and Queen Mary met the party at Charing Cross. The institution of royalty day of two and may meet with an unenables England to give a touch of color and distinction to ceremonials quietly in Berlin which is rapidly disappearing elsewhere in the modern world. The scarlet of equerries in uniform and royal equipages, with outriders, made the British Admiralty is reported to be pre-

spectacle one to be seen only in England among all the modern democracies.

It is perhaps for its capacity on occasions like this to satisfy the part of the German fleet remaining in eye and stir emotions that the British monarchy survives. To the Wash- German hands. The sinking of vessels ingtonian, President Wilson's swift trip down the Champs Elysees is displaying the red flag and the execution reminiscent of his rush through streets of Washington to the golf links. threatened, it is declared. But yesterday's spectacle was the acme of pageantry. Crowds, swollen by the bank holiday, made the streets impassable long after Mr. Wilson was of the Heinz preserving and pickling establishment at Pittsburgh and told him he would have to work "from the in Buckingham Palace and long after he and the royal party had appeared sunk without warning. Vessels without on the balcony of the palace to respond to the cheers of the vast multi- officers will be dealt with in accordance tude, while Mrs. Wilson waved the Union Jack. That was in 1900, when Howard Heinz

British Know How to Cheer

The British crowd, like the American, knows how to cheer. Its welcome was noisier and more demonstrative than the French, whose vive order," is a statement attributed to one business. He was sent all over the world to get in touch with the farmers of all is unequal to the hurrah and who understand nothing of organized cheer- of the riotous German sa Robert Henderson, of the South Philadelphia Business 152's Acsociation, who
said the skip-stope were perfectly satisfactory.

Mrs. Mary Tyre, of fixtu-eighth street
and Lansdowne averus, field the present
and Lansdowne averus, field the present
system of running (10) cars caused old
sys

Prior to his appointment as food ad-ninistrator, Mr. Heinz was appointed The receptions here and that at Paris will influence European statesmen who control votes in the Peace Conference and who will remember director of the department of food supply of the committee of public safety by that they must not disappoint the aspirations of the masses. Mr. Heinz maintains the Sarah Heinz

Although the President's visit is declared to be purely social, it is Although the Fresident's visit is declared to be purely social, it is impossible to doubt that his conferences with Lloyd George will have an important effect on formal discussions later.

spondent as saying that he and his fellow cabinet members. Hugo Itaase and Wilhelm Dittmann, would not accept the responsibility of ordering an settlement house in Pittsburgh, and, while attending Yale he started a move-

President Anxious to Get Busy

President Anxious to Get Busy

President Wilson is anxious to get the conference started and is disappointed at the delay, but is evidently anxious to avoid the appearance and Herr Landsberg. Barth said he intended to consult the leaders of a single nation. It is impossible to go to consult the leaders of a single nation. of leaving Paris to go to consult the leaders of a single nation. It is improbable that he would seek to reach a private understanding with any ately.

The correspondent considers single power, even if in combination with that power he might control the

France and Italy must share on an even basis in any agreement. But wives and if the President's talk with Lloyd George reveals England and America close together, obstacles to an understanding with other countries are likely to be lessened. England's position will have an important effect on the views of the other Allies. Therefore, Mr. Wilson's meetings with Scheidemann section of the Government 228 Carloads of Picric Acid and Lloyd George in the next few days will be the most important thing he has done since his arrival in Europe.

Apparently saved Berlin from an Extremist Christmas. The sailors gained more than they sought and will remain

The natural line of approach to a settlement in the Peace Conference lies through England, which is the great leader of European polities and diplomacy. It is a good thing for Lloyd George to have seen sion of troops from the western front the President in England and to have seen England's reception of him before talking to him officially.

FUEL CONSERVED IN STATE VALUED AT FOUR MILLIONS

Administrator Potter's Annual Report Shows Saving of 781,320 Tons of Coal and 10,000,000 Gallons of Oil During Present Year

The annual report of William Potter, The annual report of William Potter, Federal fuel administrator of the State, made public today, shows the saving to have been exactly \$4,175,190.66.

Conservation of coal amounted to 781,320 tons, valued at \$3,125,280, and the saving affected by the oil section of the administration reached 10,499,160 gallons, worth \$1,049,310.60.

In connection with Mr. Potter's report, berg of a committee appointed to solve berg of a committee appointed to solve berg of a committee appointed to solve the same propersion with the same propersion of the same propersion with the same propersion of the same propersion with the same propersion of the same propersion of the same propersion with the same propersion of the s

The work of the administration costs taxpayers of the State not one cent, the report points out, as the fines and other penalties imposed upon coal dealers exceeded the expenses of the office by \$13,072.99. The total of refunds, contributions to the Red Cross and fines was \$85,127.16 and the expenses of the office \$71,056.17.

Mr. Potter's report, which is addressed to Dr. Harry A. Garfield, covers the period from his appointment on October 2, 1917, up to November 3, this year, and fines and fines are distributed as the problems faced by the accommendation of the problems faced by the accommendation of the problems faced by the accommendation of the consulting engineer of Philadelphia.

Fuel valued at more than \$4,000,000 port and Mr. Potter praises highly the was conserved by the Pennsylvania fuel men who assisted him is the work.

"Since the first of April, which is the beginning of the fuel year." the report reads, "the anthracite committee of thi

their weekly conference at the War Department.

Officers are being discharged at a rapid rate. Chairman Dent said. explaining that 32,000 had been released since the armistice was signed.

Troop movements from abroad on ships now controlled by the United States are limited to 169,000 men a month, but the department hopes to increase this to 200,000 or 200,000.

In connection with Mr. Potter's report, the conservation division of the administration announced that skip-stops, instration and Herbert Plimpton, members of a committee appointed to solve in the conservation of the administration announced that skip-stops, instration announced that skip-stops, instration and Herbert Plimpton, members of a committee appointed to solve in the conservation of the administration announced that skip-stops, instration and Herbert Plimpton, members of a committee appointed to solve in the distribution of coal: E. L. Cole, director, and George E. Henderson, Charles D. Hiekman and Louis N. Rancks, heads of the conservation division of the administration announced that skip-stops, instration and Herbert Plimpton, members of a committee appointed to solve in the color of a committee appointed to solve in the color of a ocal.

Of all the gasoline conserved. 'gasless Sundays' were responsible for
1,320,000 in Pennsylvania, according to
Mr. Potter's figures.

The work of the administration costs.

The work of the State not one cent, the

FALL OF EBERT'S REGIME IN BERLIN APPEARS AT HAND

New Ministry May Be Organized by Independents Under Haase

WOMEN BATTLE GUARDS

British May Sink Ships Carrying Red Flag-Sailors Want Allied Troops

Spartacan Sentry on Guard With Rifle and Umbrella

Berlin, Dec. 26 (Delayed).-(By A. P.- The Red Guards, after selzing the plant of the Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts, posted sentries at the doors and windows to repel in-

kempt Spartacan carrying a rifle in one hand and an umbrella in the

By the Associated Press

Berlin, Dec. 27. As a result of yesterday's deliberations it is believed in some quarters the majority Socialists will retire from the cabinet and leave the independents

a rumor that Hugo Hause, the leader of the independent Socialists, would be called on to organize a new govern ment.

The crisis is likely to continue for solution. Yesterday passed

The text of the order attributed to

the British admiralty reads:
"Vessels under the red flug will be with the laws of war. is caught propagating Bolshevik idea the entire crew of the vessels in ques-tion will be shot."

"We shan't have peace here until Eng-

see foreign troops in the capital, feeling that they have nothing to lose and perhaps something to gain by the presence of outsiders.

Richard Barth is quoted by the corre attack on the sailors. might leave the Government immedi-

the most disquieting factors of the situation the part played by the sailors' wives and sweethearts, some of whom participated in the fighting.

Berlin, Dec. 26, Delayed.-(By A in Berlin as part of the Republican soldier guard.

The compromise provides that a diviunder Lieutenant General Lequis, which under Lieutenant General Lequis, which was sent to Berlin by Fleld Marshal von Hindenburg in response to an appeal by the Government, shall retire and leave the capital under the procetion of two volunteer policing organizations which are dominated by the Extremista. The sailors, against whom the soldiers have been antagonistic, are known to be under the process. the special leadership of Georg Ledebour, who was one of the representatives of the sailors in the negotia-tions with the Ebert-Hause Government. The sailors agree not to participate in any future revolt against the Govern-

The Spartacus faction was still in con-Continued on Page Eighteen, Column Two

AUSTRIAN ROYALTY TERRIFIED

Archdukes and Archduchesses Seek Safety in Neutral Legations \$50,000 BLAZE IN CHESTER, PA.

Berne, Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)—Most of the members of the former Austrian royal house who have remained in Austrian are reported to have sought safety in neutral legations in Vienna because of the ropulace.

550,000 BLAZE IN CHESTER, PA.

Low Water Pressure Handicaps Firemen at Old Hotel Property Fire today seriously damaged the cores of the Chester Property. of the populace.

The Argentinian and Chilean legations have offered hospitality to a dozen former archdukes and archruchesses. COLD ROUTING INFLUENZA

Improvement in West and North. East Suffers Severely

Washington, Dec. 27.—The cold wave sweeping the western and northern sec-tions of the country brought a great improvement in the influenza situation, public health service officials announced today. Severe cold kills influenza germs, officials explained.

Latest reports show fewer cases in the districts visited by cold weather than for several weeks. an for several weeks, an for several weeks, an for several weeks, an for several weeks, and indication that the influence epidemio coming back locally, however, was en today in yesterday's record of six sen deaths and 257 hew cases. This is the highest death rate reached in Washy setten since the heavy mortality record

PRESIDENT AND PREMIER CONFER ON PEACE BASIS. AGREEING ON PRINCIPLES

BRITAIN INSISTS PEACE CONGRESS SHALL FORM LEAGUE OF NATIONS

London, Dec. 27.

but is determined that the Peace league Conference shall organize a permanent league of nations before its ad-

Lord Robert Cecil, foremost British meetings must include as working clear in an interview today.

Investigation in Government circles reveals that Cecil is speaking said. "Of course, as I recently outthe British Government's mind as lined, the league must have noncon-

he said. "A year from now the old poses than merely prevention of "Now we know the horror of war," glamour may return. We must guard powers as well as the authority to

Cecil gave the following provisions Great Britain not only is willing as the necessary foundations of the

> First. A permanent secretariat. Second. A fixed place of meeting. Third. Periodical meetings. These

any notion of the peace delegates isters, or their equivalent. Meetings

idea their blessing and leaving the Fourth. It is essential that no war details to be worked out in the fu- shall be possible until it is discussed ture. On the contrary, he wants no either at the periodical meetings of

"Those are the vital things," Cecil tentious as well as contentious features. It must have broader pur-

15,000 U. S. SAILORS START FOR HOMES

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 .- Fifteen thousand sailors and marines from the American fleets anchored in the Hudson were given furloughs today and started for their homes. Crowds were at the landing stages to cheer the boys as they came ashore with

EGYPT TO AID ABYSSINIAN CHRISTIANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 ... Egypt is sending troops to aid the Christians in Abyssinia who are fearful of Moslem attacks.

GERMANY TO REDUCE MUNITION MAKING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- Material reduction of munition manufacture in Germany will be made December 31, according to State Department information this afternoon.

BRITISH SHIP CAPTURES 2 BOLSHEVIK DESTROYERS

LONDON, Dec. 27 .- The British warship Calypso has captured two Bolshevik destroyers in the eastern Baltic, according to an official report from the Admiralty today. One of the destroyers was engaged in bombarding lighthouses in the vicinity of Reval.

JAPANESE PEACE DELEGATES ENROUTE FOR NEW YORK

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27 .- The Japanese peace delegation under Baron Nobuaki Makino, which arrived here yesterday from the Orient, departed today for New York. The party is being taken across the continent by the State Department in a special train and will leave New York for France January 4.

PATTON QUITS PENNSY

as P. R. R. Assistant

The retirement of William A. Patton He is a director in forty-five corpora-

tions of the Pennsylvania system in-cluding among others the Cumberland Valley Raliroad, the Delaware River Raliroad and Bridge Company Valley Railroad, Galifood and Bridge Company, the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad, the Philadelphia and Camden Ferry Company, the P. B. & W. R. R. Ferry Company, the P. B. & W. R. R., the W. N. Y. & Pa. R. R., and the West Jersey Railroad. Patton's retirement will officially

Fire today seriously damaged the stores of the Chester Dry Goods Company and the Quaker City Supply Company, in Chester.

The building was formerly the Lafayette Hotel property and the upper rooms were occupied by lodgers. The loss is \$50,000.

Water pressure was so low plugs in \$50,000.

Water pressure was so low plugs could not be used and the firemen were obliged to lift whiter from Chester Creek to prevent the destruction of a valuable business block.

A petition is bankruptcy was filed by creditors today, for the Chester Dry Goods Company in the United States District Court here.

Man Hit and Injured by Train Michael Sullivan, belleved to be a track workinen on the Reading Railway, was struck by a freight train this afternoon at Armat street and the railway tracks, near the south end of the Germaniown station. He was taken to the Germaniown Hospital, where his condition is serious, with a possibly fractured and the condition is serious, with a possibly fractured and the condition is serious, with a possibly fractured and the condition is serious, with a possibly fractured and the condition is serious, with a possibly fractured and the condition is serious and the condition in the condition in the condition is serious and the condition in the condition in the condition is serious and the condition in the condition in the condition is serious and the condition in the condition in the condition is serious and the condition in the condi

JUDGE MONAGHAN 48 TODAY

Y. P. & N. President Resigns Jurist Felicitated by Members of tary Balfour lasted until almost 1:30 Bench and Bar

separate motorcars for the Premier's separate motorcars for the Premier's residence in Downing street. The Premier's Railroad, this bench and bar and flowers from the bench and bar and the crowd of about 3000 persons, and the crowd of about 3000 persons, which, despite the rain that was falling, had waited to see the President, and the crowd of about 3000 persons, which, despite the rain that was falling, had waited to see the President Wilson, who was accompania system in bench and bar and flowers from the bench and bar comming the passed out the palace gates first, and the crowd of about 3000 persons, which, despite the rain that was falling, had waited to see the President, and the crowd of about 3000 persons, which, despite the rain that was falling, had waited to see the President wilson, who was accompania system in the spring of 1916. At the following belaware River (commany, the spring of 1916, at the following belaware River (commany), the spring of 1916 at the following belaware River (commany), the spring of 1916 at the following belaware River (commany), the spring of 1916 at the following belaware River (commany), the spring of 1916 at the following belaware River (commany), the spring of 1916 at the following belaware River (commany).

R. R. WATCHMAN NEAR DEATH ugain and again as the car passed Coach of Train Leaves Track and

Demolishes Crossing Cabin

NAVAL VISIT OF COURTESY

Warships at Copenhagen Will Have No Political Significance Washington, Dec. 27—(By A. P.)—In connection with reports from Copenhagen that an American fleet would shortly arrive here. Secretary Daniels and today the scout cruiser Chester and a few submarine chasers had been ordered to Copenhagen merely as a visit of courtes?

He said the visit had no significance with respect to conditions in Russia.

"Highly Satisfactory" Is Description of Meeting

3 HOURS SPENT IN FIRST TALK

Discussion in Palace Resumed After Wilson Sees Party Leaders

ENGLAND'S STATESMEN MEET HIM AT LUNCHEON

Mrs. Wilson, Also, Is Center of Formal Social Activity Among Women

By the Associated Press

London, Dec. 27. President Wilson today conferred with Premier Lloyd George in Buckingham Palace and with other British statesmen at luncheon. The conferences are described in American quarters as eminently satisfactory, with no development to indicate any sub-

stantial differences in principles. In the more than three hours of the palace conference, which was attended also by Arthur J. Balfour, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, President Wilson did a great deal of the talking. He dwelt particularly on such phases of his peace principles as are uppermost now in the minds of the British, especially concerning Britain's naval su-

premacy. At the luncheon in the residence of the Premier, it was learned, there was a general discussion of the fourteen points of the President's peace pro gram. Later the President and Premier resumed their intimate conference in Buckingham Palace. No official announcements were made of the re sults of the conferences, but it was learned that a great deal of progress was made in making clear some phases

of the proposed peace charter. Palace Conference Quite Informal In Buckingham Palace, before the luncheon, President Wilson, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary met in one of the rooms of the President's suite before a cheerful, open fire, with no secretaries or documents a lend any air of formality to the discussion. It was an entirely informal conference, intended to develop the most intimate aspects of the situa-

The discussion ranged about the freedom of the seas, the League of Nations and the attendant proposal for the reduction of armaments. None of these three subjects was discussed specifically with special emphasis, as they are considered inseparable in the final analysis, and the first purpose of the conference was to develop what might be differences of opinion to the point where they might be composed. Premier Lloyd George, accompanied

the committee on imperial defense, arrived at Buckingham Palace at 10:30 o'clock this morning. The day was dark and rainy, but a big crowd gathered before the palace pefore toe Premier made his appearance.

Conference Lasts Three Hours

The President's conference with Pre-

by Sir Maurice Hankey, secretary to

mier Lloyd George and Foreign Secreo'clock, when the conferees left in separate motorcars for the Premier's

the assembled persons gave him a hearty cheer, which was repeated down the Mall toward the Premier's residence. The President acknowledged the cheers by smiling and bowing and

Nathan Bradsky, a watchman, had a rarrow escape from death about noon today, when the fourth car on an incoming Philadelphia and Reading train on the Norristown division jumped the tracks just above the Green lane and Cresson street crossing and smashed the little cabin in which the watchman was warming himself.

There were no passengers in the car when it left the tracks. Brodsky was badly bruised when the shanty was smashed, and slightly burned about the arms and shoulders from scattered coals from the stove. He was taken to St.

Timothy's Hospital.

Unconfirmed Paris Rumor

By the Associated Press

Paris, Dec. 37. Rumors that the former German Emperor has been assassinated became current in Paris, notably in the Chamber of Deputies, last eve ning.

There is not the slightest centre mation of the report up to

distributed for that purpose. Among those who signed were the Rev. Dr. the testimony he offered at the last meet-Coroner Exonerates Crews